

PROCESSING COPY

OCR

## INFORMATION REPORT INFORMATION REPORT

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

S-E-C-R-E-T

25X1

COUNTRY USSR (Sverdlovsk Oblast)

REPORT

SUBJECT Labor Camps and Industrial Installations in the Nizhniy-Tagil Area

DATE DISTR. 23 March 1957

25X1

25X1

25X1

NO. PAGES 1

REQUIREMENT NO. RD

DATE OF INFO.

PLACE &amp; DATE ACQ.

REFERENCES

19 APR 1957

SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

reports concerning various labor camps and industrial installations in the Nizhniy-Tagil area

25X1

S-E-C-R-E-T

25X1

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC		ORR Ev	X		
(Note: Washington distribution indicated by "X"; Field distribution by "#")															

INFORMATION REPORT INFORMATION REPORT

**Page Denied**

**SECRET**  
- 2 -

25X1

Some 4000 male prisoners were there, all Soviet citizens.

**SECRET**

25X1

**Page Denied**

SECRET

25X1

NIZHNIY TAGIL:

25X1

1. The City of Nizhny Tagil. It is a large town of about one million inhabitants. It has many industrial installations,

25X1

2. SHIRPOTREB. In the northern part of the city, near Camp #1, there was a large factory complex. A high fence completely surrounded it. The area covered was about 4 x 4 kilometers

25X1

Eight or nine buildings of brick and cement had been completed,

25X1

600 prisoners and many free workers were employed there under the supervision of free engineers.

25X1

this complex, called SHIRPOTREB, was designed for the manufacture of consumer goods: spoons, cloth, and other household utensils.

25X1

3. Other Installations.

25X1

southwest part of the city there was a coking plant It had not been completed.

25X1

worked there doing various kinds of chores such as cleaning windows, carrying wood and brick in the unfinished part. there was

25X1

a cement factory and an iron works which had tall smoke stacks. There was also a railroad car factory

25X1

4. Camp #1 in Nizhny Tagil had a hospital with about 60 beds.

25X1

SECRET

ATTACHMENT B to

- 5 -

25X1  
25X1

25X1

There were 50 prisoners in the hospital [redacted] about 10 of whom had TB. Four to five prisoners occupied each room.

5. Near Camp #1 was a larger hospital called "Mezhduoblastnaya bol-nitsa." It was made up of four, one-story, wooden buildings, each about 35-40 x 15 meters. They were all alike. One was for internal diseases, one for surgery, one for TB, and one was used by the invalids who worked in the hospital. Each building had one Chief and some specialists. All the Soviet doctors were women. [redacted] Lidya 25X1  
BARISHOVA, ALEXANDROVA, BASINA, and MICHELSEN. [redacted]

[redacted] Two of the prisoners were doctors: One was a German 25X1  
named ISCHTAM (Eichbaum?) who had only one leg. He was an excellent surgeon.  
The other was a Soviet named Yuri VLADIMIROVICH, [redacted] There 25X1  
was also a Russian Jew, "SHAPIRI," [redacted], who was a specialist  
in internal diseases. The hospital was well equipped, had X-ray machines,  
and other equipment. It was quite clean, and the sick each had a mattress  
and two blankets. However, food was insufficient--only about 500 grams  
of bread per day. [redacted] 25X1

6. [redacted] in the camps with criminals, everybody, including  
the internal guards, was afraid of the "vori." Often the overseer (nadziratel)  
worked with the criminals, sharing their loot. For instance, when new pri-  
soners arrived, they were robbed of their clothes and the nadziratel was the  
only one who was free to go to town where he could sell them.

**Page Denied**

**SECRET**

ATTACHMENT A to

- 2 -

25X1

25X1

25X1

b. The entire brigade was transferred to Camp #6, a disciplinary (shtrafnoy) camp, which was also near Nizhniy Tagil. About 500 Russians [redacted] were there.

25X1

c.

[redacted] Camp #1. This was a large camp, holding some 5000 prisoners. (In 1955 this camp was divided into two sections, one for freed prisoners, the other for real prisoners. Only some 600 people were in the prison section, the others were shipped elsewhere.) [redacted]

25X1

25X1

d.

[redacted] Camp #7 which was reserved for invalids. It had 400 prisoners, [redacted]

**SECRET**



SECRET

-3-

ATTACHMENT A to

25X1

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 200 men who built six houses out of cinder-block (shlakablok).

The ditches were about two meters deep and one meter wide and were used for watermains.

[REDACTED]

Even the camp's unarmed guards (not the soldiers who watch the camp) are afraid of the criminals. [REDACTED]

25X1

6. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

SECRET

25X1

25X1

SECRET

- 4 -

25X1

NIZHNIY TAGIL:

25X1

1. Relative positions of the camps:

camps were located in the northern part of Nizhniy Tagil. Camp #1 was in the northeastern section, Camp #6 somewhat north of the city, and Camp #7 in the northwestern part. Camp #2 was somewhat north of Camp #7.

25X1

25X1

2. Near Camp #1 there was a cement factory (cimzavod) and another factory which had two tall stacks. You could usually see big flames there. it was an iron works. some pig iron blocs.

25X1

4. Camp #7 was reserved for invalids. Nearly all had either a hand, foot, or leg missing. Many were wounded prisoners of war.

25X1

5. Near Camp #1, separated only by a wooden fence,

25X1

It contained five wooden barracks, one story high. Each building seemed to be reserved for a specific category of disease,

25X1

Each barracks held about 40 to 50 beds. There were

25X1

SECRET

25X1

SECRET

ATTACHMENT A

25X1

- 5 -

four to seven beds in each room, and six or seven rooms per barrack. Many prisoners suffered from lung, stomach, and heart diseases.

25X1

25X1